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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

*Re: Petition of the Association for Communications Enterprises
for Preemption Pursuant to Section 253 of the Communications
Act of 1934 of Actions of the City of Montgomery, Alabama; CC
Docket No. 014-40*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 18, 2001, the Association for Communications Enterprises (“ASCENT”) filed with the FCC the above captioned Petition for Preemption and Declaratory Ruling regarding a tax imposed on telecommunications providers by the City of Montgomery, Alabama. The FCC has not yet ruled on that Petition.

Since that Petition was filed, CompTel/ALTS¹ (“CompTel”) has determined that pursuing relief under this Petition is no longer a priority of

¹ CompTel/ALTS was formed in March 2005 by the merger of CompTel/ASCENT and the Association for Local Telecommunications Services (ALTS). With more than 350 members, CompTel/ALTS is the leading industry association representing competitive facilities-based telecommunications service providers, emerging VoIP providers, integrated communications companies, and their supplier partners. CompTel/ALTS members are building and deploying packet and IP-based networks to provide competitive voice, data and video services in the U.S. and around the world. The association, based in Washington, D.C., includes companies of all

the Association. As a result, CompTel respectfully seeks to withdraw the above-captioned Petition.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jonathan Lee

Jonathan Lee

Sr. Vice President

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cc: Michelle Carey, FCC
Christi Shewman, FCC

sizes and profiles, from the largest next-generation network operators to small, entrepreneurial companies. CompTel/ALTS members share a common objective: To create and sustain true competition in the telecommunications industry. For more information, please visit www.comptelascent.org or call (202) 296-6650.